



MAINTENANCE BASICS

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**There is no such thing
as no maintenance!**



Check mulch, should cover
2-3 in. deep

Replace plants as needed

Maintain plant growth by
trimming/pruning

Remove unwanted plants by
hand

Water plants only when
needed (times of drought &
during plant establishment)



- Look for **signs of sediment loading** or “upstream” erosion – clogs soil mix, **core aeration & sediment removal** (sign: slow drain time)
- **Lost shape**- scrape top 1 inch of soil
- Clear debris from **inlets and outlets** & check for signs of erosion
- **Communicate** with grounds crew or others who may be maintaining the site
- **Avoid using fertilizers pesticides in rain gardens!**



Thank You!

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